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Washington County's Edmund Duyck receives Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award

Edmund Duyck, president of Washington County Farm Bureau, was honored with an Oregon Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award by OFB President Barry Bushue and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon during the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015.

"The Distinguished Service Award is meant to recognize outstanding service to Farm Bureau and to Oregon agriculture," said OFB President Barry Bushue. "This year's honoree, Edmund Duyck, is no stranger to anyone who has been active in Farm Bureau over the last 55 years. That's how long he's been a member. He's also been a farmer for over 70 years in Washington County."

Inducted into the OFB Hall of Fame in 2005, Duyck completed his seventh year over two terms as county Farm Bureau president in 2015, a record for Washington County. He has served on his county Farm Bureau board for 45 years and on the OFB Board of Directors for six years.

"It's very rewarding and humbling to receive recognition for your efforts," said Duyck. "I certainly didn't do it on my own. Farm Bureau members work together to reach our goals and we all benefit."

On his multi-generational farm in Washington County, Duyck raises sweet corn, wheat, and other crops.

PHOTO: Edmund Duyck (middle), president of Washington County Farm Bureau, was honored with an Oregon Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award by OFB President Barry Bushue (right) and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon (left) during the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015.

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The state's largest general farm organization, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the interests of the state's family farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas.

First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has 7,500 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery stock producer, is OFB's 15th president and also serves as vice president of American Farm Bureau.